

2015 Maine Wildlife Action Plan Update Committee - Meeting #5

June 16, 2015 / Maple Hill Farm, Hallowell

Meeting Objectives

~Partner review of 2015 conservation actions:

- Habitat conservation actions
- SGCN conservation actions
- Programmatic conservation actions

~Partner tasks:

- Review and revise suite of proposed conservation actions
- Identify partnerships that will bolster action implementation and success
- Identify preferences for access to plan information and its format
- Provide input regarding overall satisfaction with identified conservation actions

~Partner discussion topics:

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- A process outlining considerations to be used when prioritizing conservation actions for Maine's 2015 WAP
- Continuing partner involvement

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Accomplishments

At the completion of our January meeting, we had accomplished three of the eight elements required in a wildlife action plan. Together we have

- 1) developed information on the abundance and distribution of Maine's Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN);
- 2) identified the extent and condition of SGCN habitats and natural communities; and
- 3) identified the stresses and threats that adversely affect SGCN and their habitats.

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Since February, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) and the action plan steering committee have met 7 times to draft conservation actions to address threats affecting **SGCN habitats**.

In a parallel effort, MDIFW and the Maine Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) drafted **SGCN-specific conservation actions**.

The steering committee and MDIFW chose this approach because we recognize that our partners' time is valuable. We felt it would be most efficient to first draft a comprehensive conservation action list and then provide opportunities to review and revise this list with our partners.

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Accomplishments

Steering committee members are:

Barry Burgason (Maine Forest Products Council),
Tom Doak (Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine),
Molly Docherty (Maine Natural Areas Program),
Claire Enterline (Maine Dept. of Marine Resources),
Tim Glidden (Maine Coast Heritage Trust),
Mitch Hartley, (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service),
Jeff Normant (Natural Resources Conservation Service),
Sally Stockwell (Maine Audubon Society),
Angela Twitchell (Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust),
Barbara Vickery (The Nature Conservancy), and
Jed Wright (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).

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Next Steps

July 3	Complete 1 st draft of action plan
July 6 – August 7	30-day public comment period
August 7 – August	MDIFW / DMR responds to public comments
September 11	Complete final draft of action plan
September 18	Maine submits action plan to the USFWS for review
March 31, 2016 ?	USFWS completes review of Maine's action plan

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